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IRAQUI STUDENT FOUND GASSED

We are extremely sorry to have to report that an Iraqi student at I.C. took his own life last week. He gassed himself in his digs on Jan. 28th following an earlier attempt on the 27th. A first year Chemical Engineer, S. Hussein seemed to have developed some kind of psychological illness, and was unhappy with his work at College. Further news will be given in the next Felix, and the deepest sympathies are extended to his relations.

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PHOENIX RAISES COLCUTT QUERY

BY CHARLES BAGNALL

A shroud of mystery to-day surrounds the Colcutt Tower, and its future. Silence and speculation are the keywords. Ever since Bill McAulay, Editor of the new look Phoenix, published his strange editorial, there has been a large question mark over the phrase "Buildings are being demolished and erected and demolished with unparalleled speed." Rumours buzz throu' the airy corridors of Southside and EI; "is it the tower?"

The Colcutt tower has always been a centre of controversy. As early as the 1851 exhibition, when it was erected along with the Imperial Institute; public opinion has been sharply divided as to its architectural merits.

But it was in 1956, three years after the government's decision "to authorise the expansion of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, in accordance with the policy of establishing at last one technological institution of University rank," that Colcutt's historic building came under the hammer.

and eventually the government suggested to the college that the tower alone should be reprieved, since it was a building of historical interest. It was at this time that the College purchased the South Side site, and informed sources say that this was on "a tower for Southside" exchange basis. And here the matter stands.

CRAFTSMANSHIP

The College drew up plans for the development of the central site, which involved the demolition of the Imperial Institute, as well as the Waterhouse buildings, etc. The Royal Fine Arts Commission objected. In a letter dated 11th June, 1955, they said "Nevertheless this great work of Colcutt's, with its fine craftsmanship, is of outstanding significance not only to South Kensington, but to London as a whole, and should be preserved."

In a written reply, dated January 20th, 1956, Mr. Henry Brooke, then Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that the Imperial Institute would have to be demolished.

PUBLIC OUTCRY

There was a public outcry and throughout February the correspondence columns of the Times carried letters from John Betjeman and his Victorian cronies,

MORE LAND

But Robbins has suggested I.C. should expand to 4,750 students and a very reasonable question is "where are we going to put them? We need more land!"

DEBATING SOCIETY PROGRAMME

Inter College—

Feb. 4th. R.C.S.—Mines.

This house considers that sex is a necessary evil.

Feb. 11th Guilds—Mines.

This house believes that the Celtic Fringe should be trimmed.

Feb. 18th Guilds—R.C.S.

The members of this house would prefer to be Bond than Beatle.

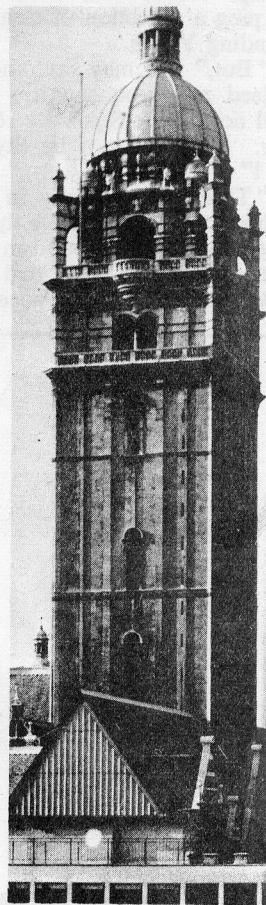
I.C. v Kings at Kings 1.15 p.m.
MARCH 5th.

This House has no faith in the Scientist.

FEB. 27th

Two American Students on an English Speaking Union Debating Tour will be visiting the College.

Colcutt's Great Work



QUESTIONNAIRE

To be filled in and returned to the Editor via the Union rack.

1. Do you think the President of the Union should be elected by Council, or by the Union itself in secret ballot?

2. (a) Would you like to see more Union News in Felix regardless of topicality;

(b) or do you favour things of interest?

(a)
(b)

200th ISSUE

Next Week

A Carnival Appeal

Carnivals come, and accompanied by a couple of thousand quid for some deserving cause, Carnivals go; those hectic summer days and nights are soon over, the glasses and balloons and other evidences are cleared away, and only that distinctive smell remains. Hence, STYNX, the guide, souvenir de luxe, and major fund raising publication of I.C. Carnival, this year to be a more interesting and unusual complex of wit, graffiti and double exposures than ever before, and likely to make us misunderstood for aeons, since we would rather intrigue than tire.

Stynx in 1964 will play no lewd or sordid role. The world-weary sophistication of the Editor Laddie (I heard that one when you were carrying a satchel), and the popular demands from Tunbridge Wells, will combine in shaping a reflection of clean, up-standing Youth.

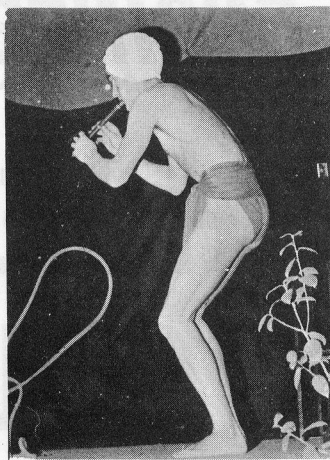
"But," you may say, and well indeed may you say it. "This will not be the Stynx we remember. This will not be Stynx at all!"

"True," we will say in reply. Wherefore, we announce that any suggestions for the baptism of the Son of Stynx be submitted forthwith, and the most acceptable

will be adopted; on the other hand the best suggestions will be on private view. Frankly we regret the circumstances which prevent this infant bearing his father's name.

Well, then, since obviously we are appealing for original Copy in addition to the small matter of a name, what do we want? Consider the Undergrads and P.G.s who by first and second degree persuasion must sell 7,000 copies; most will be to the Public, avaricious and not to be satisfied merely by the glow of giving. We want to hint at a rosy-tinted spectacle of our College Life to these readers now but dimly aware of us. Since our charity will benefit, we need not be too bashful about a little self-advertisement.

So formerly was featured the launching of the I.C.B.M., a stone rocket 200 ft. high, from the pad adjacent to the Albert Hall, with many authentic photographs; and to-day the plan for the Hyde Park Precinct, with the Dorchester and Grosvenor House Halls may well be of more than parochial interest. We recall, too, when even mascot hunting lost for a moment its usual childishness, on that occasion when the Queen's Tower was



covertly spirited away to a better foundation.

Perhaps you may know of yet more dramatic moments in our rough island site story. If you do, or if you have any other outpourings of your private Muse, please send all details, either to me, c/o the Union Rack, or to the Assistant Editor, Dick Reeves, at 346, South Side. And if your problem is one you do not wish to commit to paper (such as an urge to volunteer to help on the Board!) then in the first instance, knock on 346.

We need copies of last year's Stynx for sending to potential advertisers. If you've finished reading your copy, we should be grateful for it. As a donation.

C. J. A. MAY, Ed.

TRADING STAMPS

IN THE BAR ?

It has been rumoured in high-up circles in the Union that the trading stamp system is soon to be introduced to the College. As an attempt to attract students from the Ennismore, Queen's, Denmark etc., it is proposed that the College bars will offer Green Shield Stamps with drinks and cigarettes. The tarnished trophies and dreary tankards in the glass-case behind the Union bar will be replaced by a selection of the attractive gifts purchasable with stamps. Stamp Bonuses, perhaps double the usual issue, might be given to active and prominent members of the Union in recognition of their efforts.

It is also suggested that the idea be extended to the Mooney Empire in an effort to reinforce his now steadily decreasing queues; and perhaps also to the bookstall, an encouragement to everyone to work harder and consume reams of foolscap.

At the risk of appearing frivolous, might I make a plea on behalf of those who have no desire to own a vacuum cleaner or garden rake, that stamps might become an acceptable currency for the payment of hostel fees, the barber, or say, subscription to scrutiny?

HUW.

AN OPEN INVITATION

The idea that having an account with a nation-wide bank like the Midland is something reserved for people of substantial means is a fallacy. So also is the belief that banks are interested only in those who are older and already established. The Midland Bank is interested in YOU — and *all* young people like you. You would find a bank account extremely useful for, besides the convenience of paying bills by cheque, you will find that it helps you to keep track of your expenditure.

Midland Bank



THE STATUS OF THE ENGINEER

Nearly half the undergraduates at I.C. are engineers; many of them believe engineering is a worth-while profession—but what does the rest of the world think? More important, what do school sixth-formers think?

Many engineers will agree that technology is often overshadowed by pure science. We have all heard of "Scientists's efforts to reach the moon"—essentially a technological problem. **Engineering lacks status**—and this is reflected in the quantity and quality of undergraduate entrants.

Mr. G. Jones, of Birkbeck College, gave a lecture last term on his survey of attitudes of sixth-formers to engineering, unfortunately to Electrical post-graduates only. This lecture was based on an article by him in "Engineering." A conference of teachers and industrialists was held in Oxford to discuss this very problem last Spring. Two main facts emerge. In spite of overwhelming pressure for University places, which meant that 5,000 people failed to gain admission last year, many College's engineering faculties were unfilled. Then, the sixth-formers who gain the highest A-level marks definitely prefer pure science to engineering, and the less able prefer engineering.

Two reasons seem to cause this indifference to engineering in sixth-formers — one educational, the other social.

SOCIAL STANDING

At 17 or thereabouts, sixth-formers, living in a very restricted environment mentally and socially, must choose their careers. Obviously, they will prefer pure science, of which they have some experience, to technology, of which they have not. The masters who advise them on careers (their parents are rarely consulted) are usually pure scientists or arts masters with little knowledge of technology.

Perhaps just as important is the social standing of engineers. Here ignorance is shocking. One sixth-former said "mechanical engineering was very much a good job and worthwhile taking up in the early part of the century. The scope for knowledge of this subject is however so limited that there can be little stimulus for discovery and overcoming new problems to-day." This is an age when technology progress has never been greater. Another said of Civil engineering, "To my mind, it is an employment for a local or county council. I myself would never work for a council."

Mr. W. D. Hutchings of the Oxford department of Education instigated a survey among ten per cent of all sixth-forms, public and state, in England and Wales. A most revealing part of his survey occurred when boys listed professions according to—

- which they thought were highest paid,
- which they thought had greatest prestige in the public eye,
- which they thought required the highest intelligence.

Of the 19 given occupations, doctors, solicitors and nuclear physicists came high in the "top six" of each category, architects and school and university teachers came high in two categories. **Engineers came nowhere.**

Mechanical engineers are thought by many to be in the same category as factory workers: "Blokes in boiler suits carrying oil cans." One boy said "I think mechanical engineering . . . is one of the lower types of scientific employment."



SIX MUNCE AGO
I CUDN'T EVEN SPELL
INJUNEER... AND
NOW I ARE ONE!

TECHNOLOGICAL HERO

Outside school, these boys are bombarded by film and T.V. programmes glorifying doctors, lawyers, scientists, policemen . . . never engineers or technologists.

What can be done? Obviously at schools, careers in technology should be much better publicised. Perhaps even technological courses, to supplement pure science courses, could be given in schools. And the social prestige of engineers increased—just one good T.V. series or a great novelist concentrating on a technological hero would go a long way to improve the sad social standing of engineers.

Anyone who wishes to pursue the story of these two surveys further will find articles in the 1st March and 13th September, 1963, issue of "Engineering" very informative.

PETER CARTWRIGHT.

FACE TO FACE WITH THE

Islamic Week

One hears about Islam, about Muslim countries, and about Muslims. Many people know Muslims make a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, and that Muslim countries (Middle East, North Africa, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia) are very much in the news. But is this all that you know about Islam? Would you like to know more about Muslims, to meet them and to discuss various topics with them? Then you should join in the Islamic Week.

The aim of the Islamic Week is to present various facets of Islam and Muslims to the members of the College, and others, and in coffee sessions in the evenings to meet each other and form friendships. To this end various cultural, religious, social, and historical programmes have been arranged. On Monday 10th Feb.—Social Evening with the Pakistani Society in South Side lounge at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Majeed will speak on "Islam in Pakistan" and there will be films and coffee. On Wednesday, 12th Feb.—Cultural Evening. Talk and films about Islamic Culture at 7.30 p.m. in the S.C.R. Union. On Thursday, 13th February. Meeting with the Arab Society. Talk on "Palestine—Mancroft Affair—Jordan River" by Edward Attayh at 1.30 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Also, at 7.30 p.m. in the Union S.C.R. there will be a discussion with the Student Christian Movement on "Honest to God: Christianity and Islam." On Friday, 14th Feb.—Friday Prayers at 1.30 p.m. in Room 18A R.C.S. At 6.30 p.m. the Idd Reunion Dinner with the Arab and Pakistani Societies will take place. All are welcome to these functions and we hope you will bring along your friends.

ALLY ESMAIL

ENGINEERS BOOZE-UP

In the setting of a decor designed by that brilliant interior decorator Howard Wise, the Engineers held their Annual Dinner Dance. The guest speaker was Mr. E. S. Sellors, who needs no introduction to our Chemical Engineers.

Some outstanding features of the evening were the inaugural N. Other (followed by much presentation of the new spanner (after much labour) and the cabaret by an old Centralian and A. laughter). The ladies were impressive and generally well-dressed and altogether the atmosphere belied the common fable that all Engineers are spanner waving morons, (greeted with much scepticism).

M. SOMMER

PHOENIX CRIT

Phoenix is often regarded as I.C. Union's white elephant. Despite this, the last issue sold surprisingly well. Congratulations then, to the Editor for the way in which he instilled some life into a magazine which was feared by many to be moribund. He has had a difficult task on his hands, and his enthusiastic and effective organisation has been very evident, especially regarding the publicity arrangements. However, disappointingly little of this vigour stems from the pages of the magazine itself. The poetry is not only "pseudo" and weak, but is unreadable, and merits no more than a cursory glance. The essays and short stories are better written but are not outstanding. This leads one to wonder if this is really the best that IC can produce. Obviously, it is not, and it is regrettable that so little support is forthcoming for a cause which deserves as much as it can get. Perhaps the Editor's almost obvious shortage of copy partly justifies his reliance on contributors who are unconnected with the College.



The Editorial itself says very little. It was really no more than the airing, in a vague sort of way, of the Editor's grouse with the Rector for censoring his original efforts. In the circumstances we certainly sympathise with him for being denied the Freedom of his "Facile pen." We are therefore left to infer what is, in fact, the "Fertile Fodder" to which the Editor refers.

The layout is less startling than it has been in the past. However, the profusion of blank spaces was annoying. These, surely, would have been avoided by using quotes etc. The use of small type was also irritating, and further, we consider the use of small letters in the author's names a most peculiar habit, to say the least.

The overall impression we gained of "Phoenix" was that, although it showed much promise, there was a distinct lack of any strong editorial policy characterising it. Bill McAuley, the Editor is, we know, trying to remedy this, and we wish him every success for the next issue.

G. S.

dear sir ...

Dear Sir,

At the beginning of last term, the 'Ecole Centrale,' France's top Engineering College, wrote to our Union asking if we would send two representatives to a "European Week" that they were running in December.

Miss Chapman (Zoology III) and myself attended this meeting. Before going we informed the Editor of Felix, and said that we would write an article for him.

The article was duly written and handed in along with two photos in time for the first issue of Felix this term. However it did not appear in the first issue. I have consulted the Editor who informs me that there was not sufficient room for it that week.

I maintain that this should have taken preference over several of the articles published in that issue.

It was an honour for our college to be invited to a gathering of students from the top engineering colleges in Europe (many of the delegates were Union Presidents) and it shows that our college is highly regarded in Europe.

I consider that this was one of the most important external affairs that our Union has been involved with this year and that it warranted a good cover in the first possible issue of the newspaper.

It is worth pointing out here that no effort was made on behalf of the paper to extract a story

from us and had we not chased after the Editor to give him the story, the whole affair would have been forgotten.

This raises the question of how many news items are lost because the paper does not search for news (viz. The Carol Concert).

I appreciate that the existing staff are already overworked, so could not all the year reps in the college be charged with ferreting for news in their year groups.

At the moment the paper seems so be supported by a hard core of writers who are often hard pushed to find fresh material.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. WHARTON
(Civil III)

Ed.—Apologies for its omission last issue—it appears in this one. It is not always possible to include everything, and in the interests of topicality it was held over.

THE URSINE BARD REPLIES

The Editor Felix, Dear Sir,
Has puzzled Yog the Bear,
For his Phoenix poem, page
sixteen,

Was mentioned there.

But

Many lines since its conception,
Have been changed since its

rejection,

By my school mag, who's

selection

Further poems from my collection
Took, and published in their

section

For poems; thus a new

completion,

Comes over its rejection.

But Felix, showing discrimination,
Edits Yog for publication. . . .

On contemplation,

Winnie Poo, a A. A. Milne. . .

creation,

Was a bear who for recreation,
Ursine poems wrote for the nation

To read, like me.

Paws next time.

Yog (Monitor-here-I-come)

Bishop.

Dear Sir,

Since my arrival at this college one of the most disturbing things is the partitions between lavatories. Very often they are only partial, and do not reach to the roof or to the floor. This is often very distressing. Whilst I appreciate the need for comradeship in an institution of this size, surely it need not go this far.

Yours faithfully,

ALGERNON QUEER

Dear Sir,

Now that an appeal has been made for "Stynx" material we feel that it is time to express our dismay at the low standard set by previous issues of the magazine. Last year the Rector Received complaints from the public and expressed his disapproval of the suggestive and crude articles published. The opinion widely held in the College, and especially among Christians, is that much could be done to improve the next copy (and also the image of I.C. which it carries to the public).

Last year's editor raised the objection that he received only a minimum of material from members of The College. We appeal to members of I.C. to be less apathetic and to supply plenty of decent contributions so that offensiveness can be eliminated and filth need never be a substitute for humour.

Yours sincerely,

Peter White
Roy Ellis
Mike Sammes
Malcolm McLean
David Phillips
Mike Hosker
Peter Sellar
Mike Phillips

P.S. Our text:—Acts ch. 24 v. 25 (New English Bible).

"But when the discourse turned to questions of morals, self-control, and the coming judgement, Felix became alarmed and exclaimed, 'That will do for the present . . .'"

Dear Sir,

In view of your rudely destructive criticism of Phoenix in your last issue, I would like to suggest that the aim of this magazine is to represent whatever talent this college may muster. Hence, any criticism of Phoenix is a condemnation not of the editorial staff but of the apathy or lack of ability of students at this college.

Yours,

A. VARLEY

(Sales and publicity manager
of Phoenix)

Salve, mate!

What grotty latin! The phrase quoted in the last "Felix" (page two) should read "Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas" not, "Felix qui potuit recum coquoscere causas."

Love,

M. R-D., Mark Antony etc.



So only this: these particular Top People must keep themselves fully and widely informed. They must be aware not only of happenings in their particular field, but of discussion and comment on questions of the day, international news, politics and the arts. For all this, they turn to THE TIMES.

You may not want to be a top civil servant: lots of people don't. But the same is true of top dons, top businessmen, top politicians. Whatever kind of top person you hope to be, it's not too early to get in training now by taking THE TIMES regularly. Especially since, as a student, you're entitled to it at half price: ask your newsagent or write to THE TIMES Subscription Manager.

*The exact figure is 85%. We are aware that this is a little more than four-fifths: please do not write to point this out. Do write, however, if you would be interested in an account of the research which produced these and many other revealing figures. Who are Top People? What do they think on the important issues of the day? Write to The Times (Department SP), Printing House Square, London EC4.

BICYCLE THIEVES

Police at Shepherds Bush Police Station have recovered a large number of stolen bicycles. These will be on view at the above Station on a date to be announced. If any student has had his cycle stolen during the past 12 months from the precincts of the College and not reported same to Police will he please contact the Security Officer either personally or telephone Internal 2741.

THE GONDOLIERS

Monday-Friday, February 17th-1964.

21st at 7.30 p.m. in I.C. Concert Hall.

Tickets 2/6, 3/6, 5/- on sale every lunchtime in Union Entrance.

In spite of all opposition, the I.C. Musical Society will present "The Gondoliers" on February 17th-21st. Do not miss this controversial production.



I THINK...

The Tory party wants "to be judged both by the coherence of its plans for the Future and er . . . past achievements," according to Mr. Maudling who spoke at Imperial College last Tuesday. In a somewhat disappointing speech to a packed audience in the Physics building, Mr. Maudling gathered from the newspapers, ("whom we ought to believe") that an election was imminent, so, as part of his pre-election campaign, he decided to speak on Internal and Home affairs.

"Essential programmes must be consistent with economic reality." The sort of ambitious rate of growth which can be achieved is a 4 per cent long term increase in the national income. At present we are rising at 5½ per cent, so watch out, the squeeze will be coming. Disregarding this dark cloud on the horizon for the moment, the economic situation today is one of progress. Education takes up 3 - 4 per cent of the budget and will soon rise to 5 per cent as it is increasing all the time. Expenditure on roads is going up by 12 per cent on last year, but what it was last year we were not told . . . I wonder why?

The ten year hospital programme is under way and then of course, there is housing, while the social benefits have gone up more than incomes. Old people continue to share the Wealth of Britain. We spend exactly ten times as much on defence as we do on education, but a defence cut is not feasible in the light of British prestige, depreciation abroad and other factors. We must also look toward the poorer countries as already the Common Market countries are giving them more aid per capita than we are.

The Labour party must be pressed to give a financial account of its plans, they are probably a bit over ambitious. Britain's limiting factor is the availability of skilled manpower, which must indicate that all our unemployed are unskilled. During question time, Mr. Maudling, who is due for a 4,000 per cent. increase in pay judging by national income statistics, refused to comment on the present editor of the Spectator!

REGGIE AND JO

MICHAEL SOMMER
WRITES



HAROLD WILSON...



PHOTOS BY
CHRIS HUSSELL

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DON'T YOU!

Mr. Jo Grimond, the head of the Liberal party, spoke to another packed main physics lecture theatre on Thursday on the Political Scene.

In a much more lively strain than Mr. Maudling on Tuesday, he went straight to the roots of politics by saying, "Unless you reform politics in this country, it is very unlikely that the politicians can reform anything *else*." At the election the main issues in politics should be discussed, but there is danger that *all* the main issues will be avoided.

Usually the argument is how to spend someone else's money. The question should not be "how much Nuclear Power we want to have" but, "how much conventional power are you willing to pay for." Also, "whether you want expansion by simple debasement of currency." Politics must become scientific, scientists are becoming respectable, while engineers have some way to go.

The Houses of Parliament simply have to be modernised. "It is wholly illogical to concentrate so much power into such an inefficient organization as the House of Commons, who refuse even to be televised.



WHILE GOD HAS HIS PROPHETS . . .

While God has his prophets the Tory Party has its Royal Commissions. It takes a G.C.E. O-level school boy to look at the present figures and calculate the number of college-capable people we will have on our hands in ten years' time, but when Lord Robbins announces it, it comes "like a lightning blast from Mount Sinai."

Scientists should become politicians and leave the politicians to handle debates. Mr. Grimond said "I am a politician, I love politics, and I'm quite happy to go back this afternoon and make life hell for such ministers that I can find there"

M. SOMMER

EDITORIAL

"IT IS HARD TO KICK AGAINST THE PRICKS"

If you don't change your editorial policy pretty soon we will have no alternative but to find another editor. These were in effect the last words of the President, Dave Watson, at a Felix board meeting last week. This was the climax to over an hour of heated argument during which Massey, Union Secretary, said at one point, "print what you like, but you must report Council." The point the board were making (though in all fairness, not all of them) was that in some mysterious way we are responsible for a failing Union. By not publishing an account of last year's Council meeting now, we have seriously affected Union participation. Only eighteen months ago we were not allowed to report Council at all; now it seems we have to.

To the President Felix has been disappointing, disillusioning, and in short, something of a failure. This is sad. His remedy it appears would be to publish all Union news regardless of content or topicality and in this way create a thriving Union; this might well be so, but for a readership of not much more than three hundred. To be successful Felix must be lively, controversial and informative. We are fortunate indeed that Union news is not all that is available.

At the beginning of the meeting a request was made to allow two Felix staff members to attend for the reasons put forward here last issue. Some felt that this was quite unnecessary and that the editor could comfortably deal with the eight others. When a vote was taken one abstained through self-confessed ignorance. How is it that someone can sit on this board who admits complete ignorance, while attempts are made to exclude better informed members of the newspaper staff.

The talk of resignation comes after what Watson calls repeated, unpardonable omissions, and lapses in taste. Last term we were torn apart for being destructively critical; now the President and Secretary don't care what we say as long as we say something. Even "rotten Council" is better than nothing. This sort of inconsistency is hard to follow, as is Watson's repeated cry that the paper should be wholly independent, but of course must fit in with Union wishes.

ENOUGH INTERFERENCE

A further suggestion at the meeting was that a Council report should occupy at least half a page, and that last term's Union meeting was covered inadequately—even though it did make the front page. This, of course, would mean excluding other things. The people who are really interested would in both cases be there anyway, and for those who aren't, a "sparse account" would be more than enough.

"In six months I created this union, and all that therein is, and on the seventh ~ ~ ~"



birdsnest

The first of the Fashion House's Collections have been on view in the last few weeks. Although the clothes shown are for the most part extravagant and unrealistically expensive, it is worth every girl's while looking at the new lines and ideas conceived by the Fashion Barons, for these are the clothes that will influence the chain stores when they come to produce their budget clothes for the summer.

Femininity

The first clear cut result to emerge from the various Collections is that the Cathy Gale black leather look will melt away as quickly as next month's snow, and its place will be taken by the pretty, yet elegant, feminine clothes that the Englishwoman wears so well; clear bright colours, and a revival of the Empire line will make themselves felt in high-waisted seams, braiding or trimming on otherwise loosely fitting dresses and coats.

Pleas (e)!

Why do so many Icardians come to College looking as though they choose their selection of clothes for the day with their eyes shut—fancy sweaters with patterned skirts, tartan skirts etc.? I am in favour of wearing com-



fortable and even moderately old clothes to College, but at least wear clothes that match.

And please, please, girls, find the two minutes in the morning that is all you need to apply a little makeup. Thanks to Rimmel and Outdoor Girl, cosmetics are within the reach of even the most stringent/budget, and that you are outnumbered by men is no reason to loose your femininity—all the more reason to preserve it. You spend most of your time in College so you may as well make the most of it and not keep makeup and smart clothes for extra-collegiate hours. Female students have long had a reputation for being scruffy, sloppy and untidy. Isn't it time we repudiated it?

HOOTENANNY

More than 80 people came to the second Hootenanny organised by the newly-recognised IC Folk Club on Tuesday, 21st January. This evening of folk-song, even more successful than last term's, was again compered by Folk Club president Brian Bull.

In the subdued light of the ICWA lounge, established acts like the Wayfarers and the Chris Wright Blues Group made small contributions being only too pleased to give leeway to new talent of great diversity. On the international scene, Sam Apeji delighted with songs from his native Nigeria, Mr. Dragon gave us some Yugoslav love ballads, Dai Evans sang unaccompanied in his native tongue about Welsh goatherds, and Jim Bloomer used his authentic accent to render a number of American folk songs.

Among the gathering there were guests from other colleges: Chelsea provided Elvina, Judy, Colin and Ricky whose programme varied from humour to protest; Kate and Ros made a return visit from Westfield to do several English and foreign songs; singing and playing Czechoslovakian and Russian numbers was Ivana, a music student; and organ-builder Roy Grubb introduced the audience to the lute and also showed

his worth on the guitar.

Talent in IC

The show was, however, dominated both by local talent and by tunes sung in English. Trev contributed blues numbers, Pat and Mike harmonised in their own unique way, and Zoology technicians Rod and Alex proved their superiority over Robin H. and Jimmie MacG. Members of the Chris Wright Group demonstrated their virtuosity on banjo, banjalin, harmonica, and a homemade mouthpiece as well as on guitars.

Altogether, an action-packed evening of over three hours music performed live, broken only for 15 minutes at half-time, and with all performers only too eager to give more songs than time would allow. Audience participation in the better-known songs, especially the final numbers, was vociferous and must surely have climaxed everyone's enjoyment on the Hootenanny.

An evening spent in any Folk Club is a rare and wonderful experience. At I.C. you are fortunate to have such a flourishing club, and you would be well advised to make the effort to come to the next Hootenanny planned for mid-February—watch for notices.

D.I.W.

COLCUTT

Phoenix

Mr. McAuley seems to have produced something much more digestible than past editors of Phoenix. It was pleasing to be able to distinguish between the good parts and the rubbish, of which there was noticeably little. Mr. Rogers spoilt a reasonable article by his bitter little comment on the union in the year 2000. He must be a non-athletic type. The most illconceived article was Mr. Berry's effort. Whilst we all realise that Mr. Berry was the biggest noise in the Bristol Union we also realise that his efforts to become even a small noise at IC have been conspicuously rejected by his fellow students. Mr. Berry is very much out of touch with what is going on in IC union and he has only been to one council meeting as an observer, yet he tells us what to do with our union. He did make one pertinent suggestion amongst all the impertinent ones, namely the way in which the Union elects its president. It is now three years since the student body decided to allow council to elect the president, but three years is time enough for the composition of the student body to change appreciably, so what about giving the present students a chance to show what they want in the way of election of the top union men.

Halls of Residence

Imperial College is fast becoming a residential college, and where life once centred around the constituent unions entirely, the halls are now becoming increasingly important in student affairs, despite what certain of the old diehards may think. Now at last council has been informed of this important fact and has taken action and created a Halls of Residence representative. It was a wise decision to allow the halls to choose their own method of election and for council merely to invite them to send a representative. In this way, council has assured that a healthy relation will exist between the halls and the union and the students will be able to fully enjoy the facilities available in their hall, while still retaining control over their social and sporting activities.

FAMILY PLANNING AT I.C.?

In 50 years Brazil has reduced her illiteracy rate from 65.3 to 50.6 per cent—but because of population growth the number of illiterates has actually risen two and a half times. In many countries illiteracy is rising even faster. The International Planned Parenthood Federation has a Programme for this World Problem, and it is hoped that there will be an International Evening devoted to this subject on Thursday, Feb. 13th at 7.30 p.m.

P. A. RIDING



REFECTORY COMPLAINTS

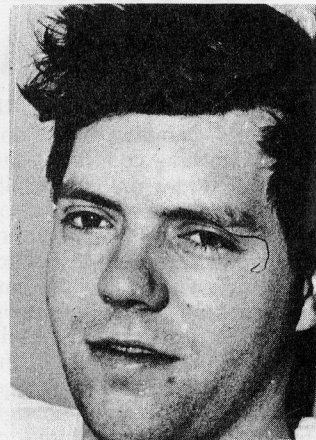
Any complaints or suggestions regarding the refectories should be addressed to either of these two:

Mr. Edwards for South Side, Mr. Price for Beit.

They will also deal with written comments in the suggestions book.

They may be reached personally or through the Union Rack.

ALAN EDWARDS



RAY PRICE

Spannerama

Cast as Follows

A new Spanner has been custom-cast in bronze, weighing 61 lbs. in its undercoat. It has been hand engraved, and re-stripped. The ends are now highly polished, so that alien finger prints can be easily detected. Spanner III will be inaugurated at the next Union Meeting, which will be on Thursday 6th February. The agenda will include several important matters for discussion such as I.C. Parking, and the Union Working Party. Your ideas will be welcome.

We have been given a cup by L. J. Cardew Wood, the President of the Old Centralians. A panel of distinguished Art Critics will annually award this cup to the departmental group giving the most entertaining performance at the Annual "Festival of Music and Culture." This year the Festival will "occur" during the next Union meeting, and up to four 25/- Guilds Carnival tickets will be given to the winning group, and their names and de-

partment will be engraved on the W.C. Cup, which will be kept in the I.C. Bar for annual re-award each year.

Details of the individual Departmental entries should reach either Yog Bishop or Rod Jones by Wednesday evening.

Pedal Car Race

18 Guildsmen are entering two Pedal Cars into the Bristol 24 hour Pedal Car Race. The cars, which have been designed as a second year Mechanical project, are being built in the Mech. Eng. workshops. The cars will cost £20 each, and the proponents are each contributing towards the cost of the vehicles, and also their travel expenses to Bristol.

GUILDS - MINES CARNIVAL FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY

The Hungry Horse

A farmer is fortunate enough to possess three fields of identical size and grass-constitution. In the first field he has four horses which take five days to eat all of the grass in that field. In the second field three horses take seven days feeding before going hungry. In the third there is only one horse; assuming that each animal has an equal appetite, how many days grazing has the horse in the third field got?

Clue: the horse is happy for more than three weeks.

Quotes

"It is the duty of every Communist to subvert" of Paul Carter, by Penny Williams.

MAINSTREAM 6d.

The Next Explosion in Africa—I. Cox—Guest.
An Engineering Student in Poland—P. Williams—I.C.
N.U.S. Council 1963—Phil Goodwin—U.C.L.
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Mr. Jeffries offers more food for thought in the current edition of a NUS Brochure, "Choosing a Career." Your appointments Officer can also tell you a lot about us, and there is just time to book an interview.

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APARTHEID RALLY

FEBRUARY 28

The facts of apartheid are these;

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An African who wishes to decide his own living place cannot. 75 per cent of the total population may lease land in only 13 per cent. of the territory of the republic he is restricted to squalid color zones. He has no right to bring his wife and children to live in the town where he is working. He must carry at all times his pass—resigned monthly by his employer. If a negro woman has intercourse with a white man—that man may get up to 7 years hard labour.

With these facts, an action group was established at a meeting of the political and religious societies Chairmen, to bring the facts of apartheid before the Union. Three information sheets on the repressive laws, the boycott and the political prisoners are being distributed—the societies will sponsor a film on apartheid. Also a Union resolution was agreed on asking the union to deplore apartheid, reaffirm the refectories boycott of South African goods, and provide for anti-apartheid publicity space. It was hoped to run a debate but when Gordon Hall tried to arrange a debate on apartheid, he failed, because no one from the South African Ambassador downwards



An African may not be educated in a South African University—he must fight for a place (less than 700 available in SA in 1962) in one of the three "Ethnic Colleges." Even these Ethnic Colleges are under the total rule of the Department of Native Affairs.

NO LIBERTY

An African may not enjoy liberty even in Verwoerds Bantustans—the Minister of Native Affairs may at any time depose any Chief or Headman, or veto the appointment of any Councillor. Police may attend any of the Bantu Tribal Authority meetings whenever they please.

The responsibility of Apartheid lies not only with South Africa. It lies also with Britain. Over £1,000m. is invested by British Companies in South Africa, just over half the total investment there. Our trading concerns do millions of pounds of profitable trade with South Africa. In fact it is the British shareholders who are profiting from apartheid and its suppression of the African laborer.

was prepared to speak for this policy.

To make our protest more concrete we will take part in the mass meeting to be held by Anti Apartheid on Friday, 28th February, at 7.30 p.m. in the Central Hall, Westminster. To focus Britain's attention on this meeting students will assemble at ULU at 6 p.m. to rally and march to Leicester Square in a banner bearing torch-light procession. Regional contingents and supporting demonstrations are being organised throughout Britain.

We appeal to all of you with a conscience, show your abhorrence of the Apartheid regime and its British backers, support the resolution, sign the petition on political prisoners, and join the rally.

PAUL CARTER

5.30 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28

A FOURTH COLLEGE AT I.C.

The Architectural Association will make a fourth College in I.C. as from August 1st 1967. Efforts are at present being made to find space to accommodate them.

EUROPEAN WEEK IN PARIS

Paris, always a city of fascination and interest, was the meeting point for a "European Week" organised by the Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures, from December 2nd—8th.

We joined four other English Students, two from Cambridge and two from Birmingham, and delegations from Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Italy. The well arranged programme combined visits, receptions, and lectures and provided adequate stimulus and scope for discussion.

Several Industrial visits were arranged for us including the Nuclear Centre at Saclay and the Basse-Seine Shell Refineries. Later in the week we visited Orly Airport, the Bridge at Tankerville (complete with gale-force winds) and the "S.S. France" docked at Le Havre. We were presented to the Lord Mayor of Paris at a "Champagne and Caviar" reception in the City Hall.

A Dinner-Debate at the end of the week proved interesting, amusing and not without its confusions due to the added difficulty of expressing one's point of view in French!

Points discussed included the Importance of Vac. Training; the Responsibilities of the Student towards his Studies; Lectures and Study Methods and Liaisons between Industry and University. We discovered that several of the other European Scientific Universities have compulsory courses in subjects such as Philosophy, Classics and Languages. On the other hand, the Midday General Studies Programme is unique to I.C.

From discussions we learnt that Science and Technology in other European Countries is more advanced than one might be tempted to believe.

We feel that the useful experience gained could be greatly extended if I.C. were hosts to a similar gathering of European Students in London.

JENNY CHAPMAN,
RICHARD WHARTON.

IT'S THE DISARMERS AGAIN

I.C.C.N.D. has a varied programme this term. The first meeting was a lively discussion on "Defence in a Nuclear Age." This is to be followed today, Wednesday lunch time by Frank Allaun, M.P., Chairman of the Labour Peace Fellowship, speaking on the Prevention of a Third World War and next Tuesday at 1.30 p.m. by Canon Collins, National Chairman of C.N.D., Other meetings have been arranged for later in the term, including a film show.

I.C.

CHINESE SOCIETY

Good News

The society started the session with a Freshers' Evening in the Autumn Term followed by activities which ranged from Chinese Chess to a "home-cooked" Chinese Dinner Evening in which dishes representative of food from Malaya, Formosa and Hong Kong were cooked and served to about twenty-five eager members, all of whom devoured the food with great relish. A Hong Kong Evening was held in conjunction with the International Relations Club in which Mr. Phillip Chen presented Hong Kong to the enthusiastic members. A Malaysia Evening is planned similarly for this term.

Chinese New Year falls on February 13th this year, and the Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Chinese Members of the College a very happy and prosperous New Year (Kong Hee Fath Choy!). To celebrate this festive occasion, a Chinese New Year Dinner has been arranged on the evening of 12th February, and all members wishing to attend should not delay in contacting any of the Committee Members.

CHESS MATCH

A Chinese Chess Match against Hong Kong House or Malaya Hall is being arranged. Those interested in participating in this new venture are requested to contact Mr. Yap (Elec. Eng. 3). Informal Evenings this term will be mainly lectures (Chinese art, culture, art of self-defence, etc.) and films. Refreshments are of course provided free of charge at these meetings. Everyone, especially non-Chinese, is welcome.

Good News! Another "Home-cooked Dinner" may be forthcoming at the end of term. Any takers?

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SOUTH SIDE

I am fed up with the trash and ill-informed gossip printed in your columns on this subject. The final straw was the Colcutt comment in your last edition.

The possibility of an Oxbridge system arising in Southside is so remote that it is purely of academic interest to defeat this proposal. Suffice it to say that if such a system seemed imminent, 98 per cent of the residents, including myself, would leave the halls immediately. With no residents the halls could not operate.

Colcutt raises the issues of the Warden's powers. Within limits the wardens are free to run the Halls as they like. However, if they overstep the mark, they are subject to: open rebellion by the students, (e.g. the famous "12 o'clock" rule), the halls committee, and finally they are responsible to the Rector.

Colcutt has fought shy since the Fuch's episode of warning people, places, etc. I think, in general, he has one warden in mind, Dr. Cameron; let him give his reasons, and perhaps he will make his point. If he is against the system of wardens to control halls, then he must consider the only alternative—a student committee. After seeing the confusion, red herrings, and personal animosity which accompanied the N.U.S. business last year, I have my doubts about student committees. I approve of having the union building and its facilities run by students, but I do not want my home run by students.

It is inevitable that some social activity should be centred in the halls themselves—after all, they are the communities in which we live. The student who lives in digs is not censored if he goes to his local cinema or pub. Why should not the residents of the halls be given the same freedom? There are groups of people in Southside with common interests, who meet at (ir)regular intervals. Whether or not they are "Clubs" within the Union definition I do not know, but they all represent minority interests. Is the Union interested in groups of people who make brass-rubbings or push ping-pong balls around with their noses? If it is, it should adopt these societies into its own organisation and have done with it. It is interesting that the Physics department started the Wooden Horse Club—an admirable group and received the full blessing of the Union, whereas any Southside club is immediately condemned.

Gentlemen of IC, please remember that that strange animal, the Southside dweller, is not a warden's minion but a member of *our* Union. We want to act as Union members, not only individually, but also corporately. The friction between the Union and Southside is not that great, and could be removed, if muck stirrers take the trouble to get the facts straight before venturing forth into long spiels. *You* are the Union; *you* decide.

P. H. COLLINS
Southside

Two Views

The Imperial College system is changing; we are ceasing to be a day-college and are gradually becoming a residential University. It is time that the Union became aware of this and stopped bleating "Beware of Oxbridge and Cameron." That the future of I.C. lies with the Halls and not in the Constituent Colleges' Unions is a view held more widely than is generally supposed; the question is, how can the Union adapt itself to this inevitable change? The great fear is that the Wardens will grab financial control and could assume dictatorial powers. If the Union is all that it claims to be (and it has already shown itself more than capable in this direction) then this could not possibly happen.

The best way in which to realise the potential of these Halls will be to automatically attach every member of College to a particular Hall; all should

be encouraged to spend at least one year in it, but this is not essential. Each Hall could then select teams, or have its own clubs and functions—not all that radical, it happens at present. The major clubs would remain I.C.U. clubs, and all would receive financial support and control from this source. The possibilities are endless, and they would all induce far greater corporate participation than we have at the moment. **Only the shortest-sighted will fail to see that this is where our future lies.** Even if it does smell vaguely of Oxbridge, it is the best of that system, and does not include the more unpleasant trimmings; there is no reason why it should.

Footnote: In a long term financial view of the Union drawn up by the Executive last term, provision has been made for inter-hall sport.

J. M. COMBES.



GRAHAM HILL ex world racing champion was Guest of Honor at City and Guilds Motor Club dinner last Friday.

H. G. WELLS SOCIETY

The meeting of the 27th January took the form of a symposium on the subject of "World Government—Desirable or Possible" with guest speakers Sir James Pitman, M.P., of the Parliamentary Committee on World Government, Prof. Wagar, an authority on the subject, and Mr. J. Roberts of the Federalist Union. Minimalist and Functionalist Governments, and World Security Authorities were the subject of intense discussion.

UNION FEES

It has been stated by the President of the Union that fees will go up by a pound as soon as possible, and by a further pound in the near future.

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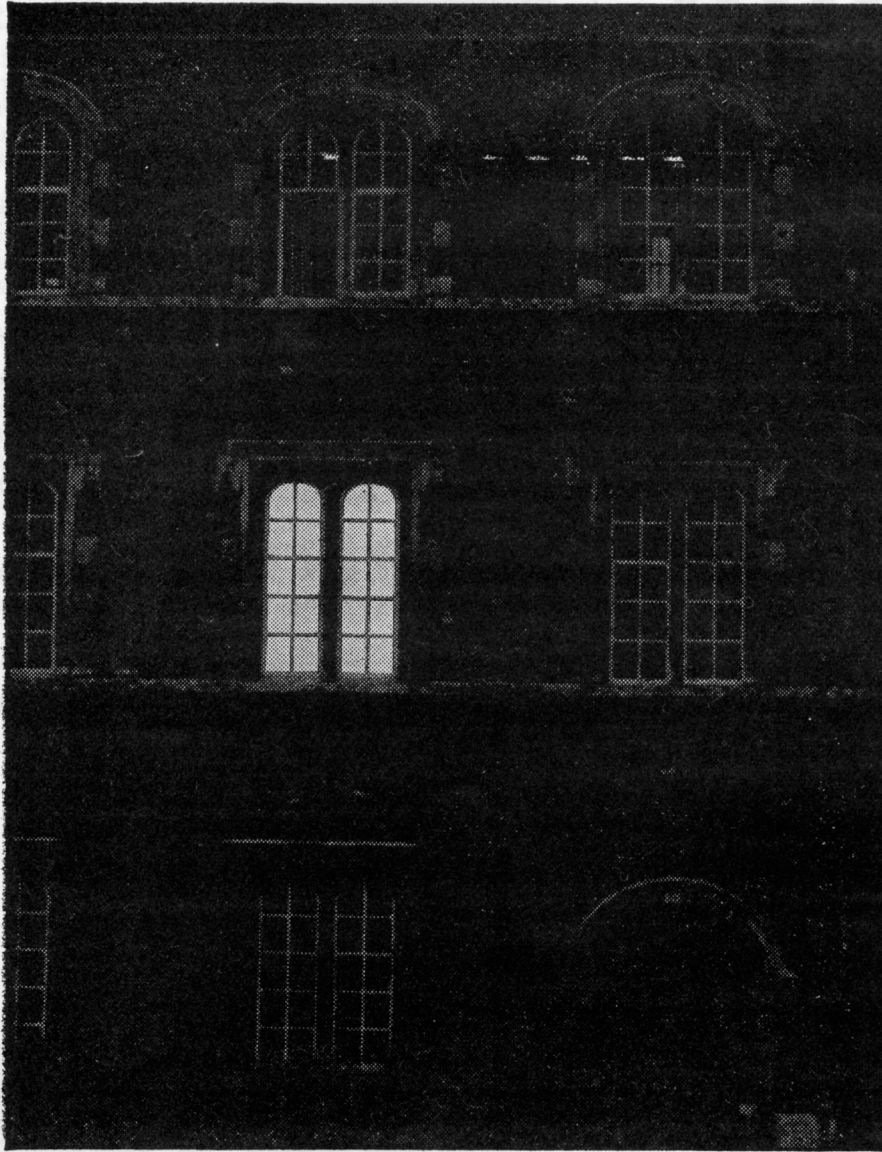
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SEMI-FINAL

DRAW

The pairings for this Saturday's semi-finals of the U.L. Cup were announced last Wednesday. Both matches are to be played on neutral ground. They are:—

GUY'S HOSPITAL v. I.C. (at L.S.E. ground)

An I.C. team boosted by the presence of seven University players meets a Guy's team boosted by a similar number of United Hospitals players, two of whom are youth internationals. Of the two teams, Guy's has the most impressive cup record to date having disposed of Northern Poly 7-1 and U.C. 5-1, and they are confidently tipped in many circles to win the cup. "Felix" equally confidently tips the cup-holders, I.C., however.

L.S.E. v. Q.M.C. (at Guy's ground)

This is a duel between the top two teams in the premier division. The fact that Mary's call on two University players for cup matches while L.S.E. play their regular team may swing the result in Q.M.C.'s favour, but rumour has it that their team has not been up to scratch just lately. In order to win they will have to get the ball past L.S.E.'s Burnley junior goalkeeper.

MORE

Hot Air

IN TIZARD?

Yes, it's M for (Montgolfer, Comrades with 0015 members, and a secret rendezvous. Who is Doctor Yesando, and what are the motives surrounding the secret meetings behind locked doors in Southside.

It is *Spectre*, a Self Perpetuating Exclusive Cult for Reading Epistles: their instructions to gather at discrete intervals to dine together, read papers and indulge in interlectual intercourse. The Montgolfer Club has been convened by mastermind M, after a meeting of the handpicked 15 to discuss "a certain matter." It has been suggested that there will be a bond forged between the group and a respectable Guild, but what are the real aims? The intrigue deepens. Are the special 15 pawns in a giant Masterplot? Will M win through? And what has Goldfinger to do with Montgolfer?

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M. BARON

RUGBY

Cup Hopes Crushed by Kings

I.C.3 KINGS 5

— By a Felix Staff Reporter —

I.C. went out of the Gutteridge Cup Wednesday before last when they lost to a more balanced Kings side which took advantage of its brief domination of the game in the first half and then closed the door on I.C. until the very last minute of time. The King's try came in the 25th minute from a copybook threequarter movement starting at the halfway line and ending almost under the posts. It was easily converted.

From the restart, however, I.C. moved the game into the King's half and there it remained, more or less, for the rest of the match. The I.C. pack were getting possession from nearly every line out and set scrum, and completely overwhelming Kings in the loose, but the services rendered by their backs appeared ordinary at the best of times and was the real cause of I.C.'s inability to turn this territorial advantage into goals. Their passing was generally sloppy, especially in the half backs, and the pass was too often made before the opposing man had been drawn.

UNLUCKY

To be fair, the I.C. threequarters produced some exciting movements from which they were unlucky not to score. Two of these, in the 35th and 64th, minutes, resulted in Churchill going over the line only to hear the whistle blow for some previous infringement. But they came all too rarely in proportion to the number of openings created by the forwards.

I.C. SCORE

In the third minute of the second half, Ravno hit the post with a penalty kick, and it was not until the 80th minute of play that I.C. finally managed to score when the forwards took command of a five yard scrum, and surged over the King's goal line to touch down and narrow their opponents lead to two points.

LAST DITCH

The conversion attempt, by Ravno from a very difficult angle, went wide and short, but in the seemingly unending period of injury time which followed, I.C. threw everything they had into attack. No sooner did one movement end than another started and only a last ditch covering by Kings prevented the final result from going to I.C.

One cannot help wondering if, had I.C. used the forward rush tactics of these dying minutes more earlier in the game, they would not have won the match handsomely.



Above: Speedy winger Churchill kicks ahead.

Below: The I.C. forwards about to take possession from a line-out.



SOCCER

FIRST LEAGUE WIN

I.C. 2 L.S.E. 1

The first team played L.S.E. at home knowing that they must win all four remaining matches to have a chance of avoiding relegation. The addition of three University players (as London were without a game) boosted hopes of a victory.

I.C. attacked fluently from the start and after only ten minutes were one up as Kemp held off two tackles to score from a through ball. Chances abounded on the slippery surface but the home team, after crossing the ball well, lacked finish, and the Beavers were held by an I.C. defence of unusual solidarity. Cox came close to scoring when his first time shot was stopped by an L.S.E. full back on the line, but half time was reached without addition to the score.

The second half found I.C. still in command and after continually pressing White volleyed a goal after crisp interpassing. After Fisher had hit the back of the net again L.S.E. started to have more of the ball and 10 minutes from the end pulled back to 2:1. I.C. defence became a little panicky and the final whistle was a welcome sound.

Of the Lower Teams

The IIIrd are in to the semi-final of the reserves cup after a good win over King's II, 2:0 and play Q.M.C. II, on Saturday. The Vths have also reached the semi-final of their competition and play U.C. IV after defeating Battersea IV, 2:1.

Sports Shorts

BOXING

Two I.C. boxers, M. Neville-Polley and M. Harris, helped London University to a 5-0 victory over Guy's Hospital London on January 27th.

TENNIS

Enthusiasm for the winter singles tournament, instituted last term, seems to have dwindled to nothing. So far only six games have been played off out of forty-two.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day this year has been provisionally arranged for Wednesday, 6th May.

CROSS COUNTRY

Response to the Cross Country Club's appeal for non-running helpers for their Three Peaks Relay attempt this Easter has been "very good," according to Pete Crews, the Club captain.

SOCCER

FREE coaches will, as usual, be running to the Soccer Cup match this Saturday. See the many Soccer club notices for departure times from the Union.

ENTHUSIASTIC SAILING

Vast enthusiasm at the beginning of the year continued to dominate last term. The freshers gained many of the places in a second team that lost with decreasing regularity. Several of the freshers showed an encouraging ability to improve.

Dave Pentz meanwhile was winning the University points races in convincing style; Stevie Vines was sailing for and E. Twiname captaining the British Universities.

• Preview •

Cross Country
Wed., Feb. 5th.—Goldsmiths — London Hosp. — Borough Rd. (H)

Sat., Feb. 8th.—Bancrofts (A)

Wed., Feb. 12th.—S.W.E.T.C.

Sat., Feb. 15th.—Reading (A)

Golf

Wed., Feb. 5th.—Southampton Union. (A)

Wed., Feb. 12th.—L.S.E. (A)

Men's Hockey

Sat., Feb. 5th.—High Wycombe (A)

Wed., Feb. 12th.—Northampton

College (A)

Sat., Feb. 15th.—Windsor (H)

Mixed Hockey

Sun., Feb. 9th.—Heston (H)

Sun., Feb. 16th.—Windsor (H)

Rugby

Wed., Feb. 5th.—U.S. Marines (H)

Sat., Feb. 8th.—East Grinstead (A)

Sat., Feb. 15th.—Newland Park T.C.

(A)

Soccer

Wed., Feb. 5th.—L.S.E. (A)

Sat., Feb. 8th.—Guys (U.L. Cup)

L.S.E. ground

Sat., Feb. 15th.—King Alfred's College

(H)

Swimming

Fri., Feb. 7th.—Sandhurst R.M.A. (H)

Fri., Feb. 14th.—Bristol Union (H)

COUNCIL — Watson talks, and talks

NICK WALKER WRITES

There was no sign of "apathy" in the council meeting on Monday, 27th, if the volume of words was anything to judge by. Unfortunately most of what was said was to no purpose whatever. Two and a half hours were spent discussing the working party report; in that time the President must have spoken for at least 1½ hours. When other members were allowed to talk they almost invariably strayed from the point, yet the President did nothing to restore order.

Other than the President, five members almost monopolised the conversation, speaking over 150 times. Of the rest of the twenty-one present (out of a complete council of twenty-four) three spoke more than five times, nine spoke four times, two once and one member not at all; perhaps he was too bored by the official waffle.

This should have been an important meeting yet six members left before it was finished, three did not even arrive. Those R.C.S. members who left to go to a sherry party ought to be ashamed— I.C. Union is much more important now than R.C.S. ever will be.

Of the actual meeting not much can be said. The recommendations it eventually passed are:—

1. A deputy President of I.C.U. to be elected, to be in charge of Union buildings, etc.
2. Another full time permanent Clerk for I.C.U. (when money is available).
3. A Halls of Residence Rep. on Council.

A great deal of discussion took place trying to decide on the title of the new member of the executive, and whether instead of a Deputy President there should be a Secretary for South Side and one for Beit. This was rejected owing to misunderstandings that might arise over external affairs.

Everybody agreed that the Union needed another Clerk—mainly for Felix, Phoenix and other similar bodies. I wonder how long it will be before this new clerk appears. If the Union is as hard up as it makes out, it will not be able to afford any new employee. The one recommendation passed which could well affect most people in the Union was to have a Halls of Residence representative sitting on Council. Council fully saw the danger of letting the Halls become too independent, and this move may halt the present trend.

Also mentioned were whether to reduce the number of General Union members on Council and the process of election of Union officers. The election of President was again put forward. After much pointless discussion enlightening no one, everyone, with the notable exception of Mr. Price, was so fed up that these matters were left undecided.

Union Council is a waste of time for those who sit on it, for Mrs. Robb who has to take the minutes, and for the Felix reporter who HAS TO report it.

COUNCIL QUOTES

"We have a dynamic President and Secretary this year."
 "Highly ridiculous."
 "As a matter of interest what were we voting against?"

Parish Paper

Yet another competitor for Felix! Hot footed, and short winded, behind Goodlad, Babb and the Second year Electrical Engineers, comes the United Christian Societies' News Letter. It is expected to be out next week, price 1d.

Chairman of the S.C.C. and non-bearded father figure of the Religious Societies, Roy Ellis told me, "that it will contain general and religious news."

"We expect it to circulate amongst Christians and interested parties," he said.

This is an historic step by the I.C. Church Socs., who like their mother Church have been discontinued for years. The efforts of Pope Paul are having far reaching effects.

Felix wishes the venture success.

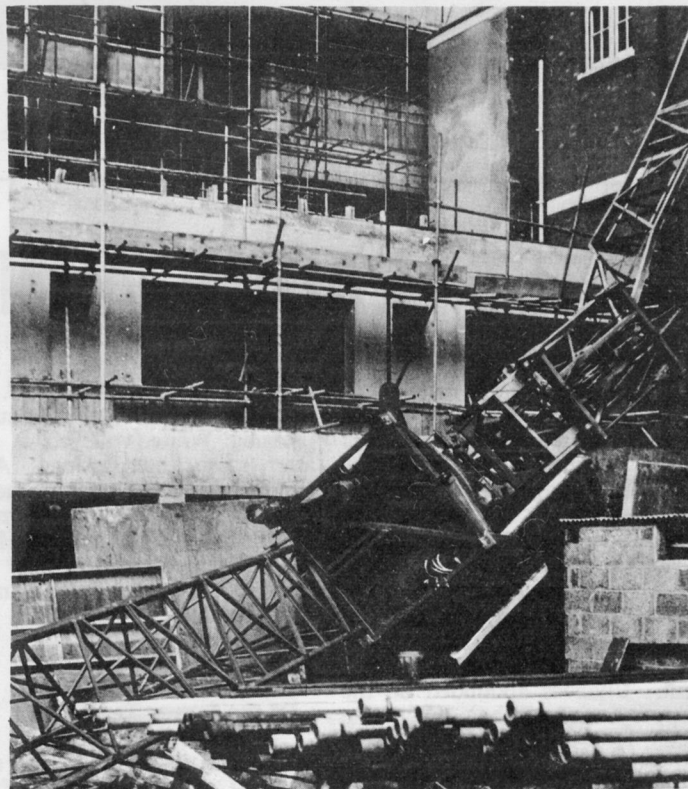
UNDER-SEXED

The average I.C. student is most definitely sexually apathetic. This interesting conclusion has been reached by Your Special Correspondent after nearly three years research. Surveys at both Oxford and Cambridge have shown that about forty per cent of the female and about sixty per cent of the male students experience sexual intercourse before they graduate. Various estimates at I.C. have put the figures at between five and fifteen per cent for the women and between ten and thirty per cent for the men.

What are the possible reasons for this situation? At Oxford the student lives in an archaic society of rules and regulations, with severe punishments for the sexual offenders. In London there are few rules, and there is also far more contact with the non-student population. Surely one would expect more promiscuity in London, yet at I.C. this is not the case. Are Oxford students livelier, more ready to experiment? Or does the I.C. student come from a different religious, social, and moral stock? Or is it that regulations cause the very situation they are apparently trying to prevent? There is probably a grain of truth in all these suggestions, but they cannot completely explain the figures quoted.

What conclusion can we arrive at? A likely one must be that life at I.C. produces sexually timid and apathetic citizens who don't have the time or the ability to mix often and easily with the opposite sex.

CRANE CRASH



One man died when the jib section of a tower crane operating on the R.C.S. site crashed 60 feet to the ground.

SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS

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FELIX LATE NEWS

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 1964



Unless anything important happens, there will be no late news supplement with next week's 200th. edition of Felix. Thus the next late news is scheduled to appear on 19 February.

It is essential that all Felix staff meet in the Press Room at 1.30 on Thursday.

BAR BAR

Council wonders why there is such apathy in the Union! Doubtless it is to promote IC spirit that the Union Bar is closed on Sundays. Are they not thus playing into the hands of the penthouse tyrants by encouraging use of South Side facilities?

BAR TRADITION BROKEN

Thursday's 3rd Year Mech. Eng. Student - Staff Dinner was followed by a visit to the bar. The uniqueness of this occasion was the inclusion of a certain Miss Penny Williams. Despite violent objections from other people in the bar, repeated refusals by Howard to serve and slight pressure imposed by the Duty Officer (Less Massey), she stayed one hour, 10pm - 11 pm. She claims a record. P.S. She only drank orange juice (being a lady?).

UNION CARDS : A WARNING

Members of the Union are reminded that they must have their cards brought up to date. Year representatives are responsible for collecting, stamping and returning cards. Several non-members have been using Union facilities recently, and a check maybe necessary. EXEC.

FELIX records show that the uneducated I.C. men of long ago believed the entry of a woman into the bar heralded the doom of a president. Astrologers are now trying to divine whether it is too late to deviate this calamity by - (the remainder of this suggestion has been censored by the late news typist, P.M.W.)

JAZZ NEWS

STOMP SUCCESS: Over 400 people packed into last Wednesday's South Side Stomp. The Big Band blew up a storm and received tremendous applause. However, a distressing number found their way in without paying the rock-bottom price of admission.

NEWS SHORTS

BIRMINGHAM: The only band to be cheered after every number in a heat of the Inter-University Jazz Federation competition held last Friday in Birmingham was the I.C. Big Band. Richard Rushton's alto solos too were a knockout with the audience. Unfortunately the Big Band was unplaced by the judges, but the Kensington City Stompers succeeded in coming fourth.

KENNEDY FUND: Response is poor towards the London University Appeal for a John F. Kennedy Scholarship Fund. The target of £5000 it is intended to invest and the interest used to send one student per year to Harvard to study International Affairs.

NEW SOUTH SIDE ATTRACTION: a barmaid.

PREVIEW: By popular request, on 12th. February, the South Side Stomp features the Big Band and the Shadies. Due to complaints of noise, late night jazz will be provided by the Clive Heath Quartet. And payment for admission won't make you bankrupt!

FENCING CLUB

A team was entered for the first time for the Goddin Cup at Northampton College, open to combined foil, sabre and epee teams from London colleges. Unfortunately, it was eliminated in the preliminary pools.

Other results :

I.C. 6 Chelsea 12 (foils & sabre)
I.C. 13 Middlesex Hosp. 3 (foil)

THE BODY IN THE HARP

Members of I.C. Sailing Club were surprised last week to find a body in the Welsh Harp. It appeared to have been there three or four days, and a phone-call to the police by Dave Pentz led to its removal.

Matches soon (home):

Feb. 7th. U.C.
Feb. 12th. Gipsy Hill Training College.
Feb. 14th. Q.M.C.

EMPTY UNION OFFICE

Mrs. Robinson, Union Permanent Secretary, had an accident while boarding a bus on Monday. She will be away for a few days.

LATE NEWS continued overleaf:-

NON-VIOLENT LOVE

Last Thursday Dr. Donald Soper left his soap box at Hyde Park Comer and came to I.C. to talk about ' Misconceptions of Christianity ' at a General Studies Meeting arranged by the I.C. Methodist Society.

He told an audience of about 100 how he thought that many misconceptions were due to parsons being ' afraid to preach new ideas '. The first misconception was that Jesus Christ was put to death because of his blasphemous statements or because of ecclesiastical opposition. In fact it was because he was a revolutionary. ' He preached new ideas which, if put into practice, would have brought about the downfall of the Roman Empire and the Jewish Nation. '

' Pie in the Sky is a perversion of Christianity ' was his next point. Christianity is really concerned with affecting this world more than worrying about the next. Neither is the increasing interest in ' theological Speculation ' the essence of Christianity. To Dr. Soper, ' the heart of Christianity is non-violent love '.

Roy Ellis.

BOAT CLUB SUCCESS

On Saturday, February 1st, I.C. Boat Club third VIII, had a friendly race over 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles, between Hammersmith and Putney bridges, with Kings' College Boat Club first VIII. I.C. won by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

J.H. McKerrow (Stroke)

CONTRIBUTED

hot air rises
power corrupts
the highest fall furthest
the penthouse is on the roof
friday night is s.s. night
cave
cecil

QUOTE

'The South Side Beds are hard '.

Bodford College Girl.

'Write anything you like, and put my name at the bottom'.

Paul Carter.

CORRECTION -- no barmaid !

THE UNCONSIDERED CALAMITY

Now that the late news typist has left, we continue : -- deviate this calamity by throwing the woman (P.M.W.) and her escorts in the Round Pond,

CARNIVAL

1964

This Years' I.C. Carnival is being held in aid of the ' National Mental Health Appeal'. A start has been made to collect money by the Boozy Carol Singers and The Church Society Carol Singers. Now, starting on February 14th, every Friday at 12.00 noon in the concert hall, are the Carnival Lunches. These lunches cost 2/-, and you can eat and drink as much as you like or want with music and dancing as well. These Dinners are cheap but sometimes make the carnival £25 a time. The carnival

The carnival still needs people: someone is needed to take complete control of publicity, also 'stynx' needs articles, cartoons, photographs and ideas. Pop along to 84 Weeks.

CUTTLOC

At the Union Council Meeting on Monday, President Dave Watson was accused of a personal attack on Felix Editor Mike Coombs. Opinion was general, however, that Felix's financial position has never been so good. Council overruled Watson for the alteration of the Felix Board Report, which had been accused of being harsh and untruthful.

It is naturally very difficult to find out exactly what went on in the Working Party but this snippet we have. John Preece, last year's Union Secretary, who ran for President last year and is said to be running again this year, has been causing eruptions: at one meeting he walked out after the other members of the committee refused to assent to his amendments to the report. He accused them of quibbling over small matters; they say he was trying to impose a minority point of view.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

It has been decided that the Deputy President, recommended in the Working Party Report, will be elected by the Union General Meeting. As he was leaving, John Preece said of the meeting, " It's a shambles ", and of the decisions, " It just won't work ".

Watson, on leaving Council meeting said, " It's a shambles."